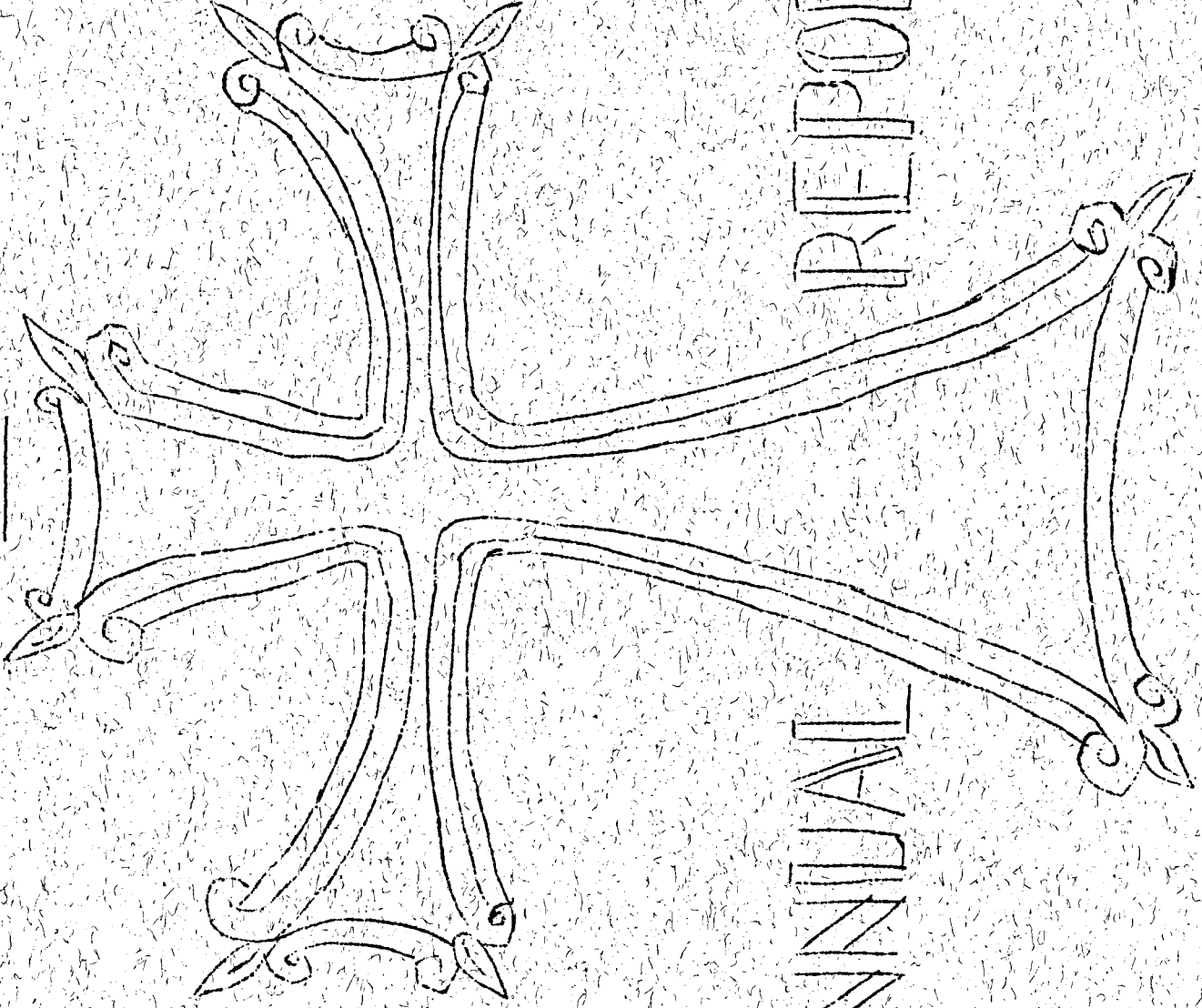


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Համայնք մը կրնայ սքանչելի պաշտամունքի տաճարներ ունենալ բայց եթէ այդ համայնքին կրօնասիրութիւնը ի յայտ պիտի չգայ անոնց եկեղեցիի արարողութեանց ներկայ ըլլալով, եթէ իրենց եւ Աստուծոյ միջեւ յարաբերութիւն մը գոյութիւն չունի իրենց աւարդութեանց համաձայն, թափուած բոլոր շանքերը ապարդիւն կ'անցնին: Ուրախ եմ ըսելու թէ այս տարի մեր համայնքէն եկեղեցի յաճախողներուն թիւը անցեալ տարուընէ քիչ մը աւելի միթիթարիչ էր: Գրեթէ ամէն կիրակի պաշտամունք ունեցանք: Միայն երկու կիրակի պաշտամունք չունեցանք որովհետեւ ստիպուած էի համագումարներու մասնակցիլ քաղաքէս դուրս (Երիտասարդաց եւ Դպրաց դասերու համագումարներ): Ուրիշ կիրակի մը, ալ եվրոպացի կը գտնուէի քաջի մը դասախօսութիւն տալու համար Յուլիսին մէջ: Եկեղեցական արարողութիւն ունեցանք նաեւ Ս. Երեմիայի եւ Զատիկուայ ճրագալոյցներուն, ամէն չորեքշաբթի գիշերները Մեծ Պահճի ընթացքին եւ դեկտեմբեր 24ին միւս յարանաւանութեանց հետ աղօթած ըլլալու համար:

Դպրաց դասի թիւը այս տարի քիչ մը աւելցաւ բայց տակաւին փորձերը պէտք եղածին չսի կարոնաւոր չկատարուեցան եւ այս իրողութիւնը դպրակներուն ներդու-թիւն կը պատճառէր ինչպէս նաեւ ինծի: Բայց ապագայ աւելի քաջալերական է: Դպրապետ: էր Պր. Ստեփան, Սարաֆեան, իսկ երգչհոն նուագողը՝ Տիկ. Անայիս Դա-ւիթեան որ ներկայիս արժամաբար դադարած է նուագելէ իր կրկին մայր ըլլալուն պատճառաւ: Հակառակ իր եկեղեցիէն հեռու ապրելու Պր. Կարպիս Պալտըրեան, եկեղեցույս միակ ուրարակիւրը, առաջինը էր եկեղեցի ներկայ ըլլալու կիրակի առաւ-ւօտները ինծի օգնելու համար խորանի մը, առաւօտեան ժամերգութեանց ատեն եւ երբեմն ալ մկրտութեանց ժամանակ: Տօթ. Գեղամ Կէօքէեան, որուն խանդավա-ռութիւնն ու հայկական ու եկեղեցական երաժշտութեան հանդէպ ունեցած սէրն ու կապը անրկատ չի մնար, միշտ եկեղեցի կը փտնուէր օգտակար ըլլալու համար ամէն տեսակէտով: Պր. Յովհաննէս Զէքէմեան ալ Քիչ միայն օգտակար եղաւ որպէս բուր-ովոակի իր, այլ նաեւ օգտակար եղաւ տեւապէս եւ ամէն տեղ, որքան ատեն որ եկեղեցույ համար էր: Ծուխս իրեն պէս գոհուող անձերու պէտք ունի գնալով մանր բայց կարեւոր գործեր ի գլուխ հանելու համար: Մարթի Միթիթարեանի, Ռօպըրթ Ապտուլեանի եւ այլոց, ինչպէս նաեւ զոյգ մոմակալ՝ Լըվըրեան եղբայրներու ծա-ռայութիւնը եկեղեցույ մէջ գնահատանքի արժանի է:

Օրերուս ի դէպ է յիշել նաեւ որ նոյեմբեր 20ին Թորոնթոյի Հայոց հոգեւոր հովիւ Հոգ. Տ. Ժիրայր Աբղ. Թաշճեանին հետ փոխանակութեամբ Ս. Պատարագ մա-տուցինք իրարու եկեղեցիներու մէջ:

Մասնաւոր տօնական օրերուն փորձեցի տալ տօնին պատմակնը եւ հետեւցնել բա-րոյական դասեր որոնք կը յուսամ օգտակարութիւն մը ունեցած են: Բարոզեցի ամէն կիրակի նկատի առած օրուայ դասը եւ աշխարհի եւ համայնքի ներկայ կացու-թիւնը, աւեւարանի լոյսին տակ ծանրարալով Աստուծոյ կամքին վրայ:

Մասը ընդհանրապէս պատրաստուած էր Տիկ. Եսթեր Արփանեանի կողմէ եւ երբեմն ալ Տիկ. Ռեկի Պալտըրեանի կողմէ:

Կրկին կուզեմ յիշեցնել մեր ծուխի անդամներուն թէ տակաւին եկեղեցույ Խոր-հուրդներուն իմաստը հասկնող, անոնցմով հետաքրքրուող եւ անոնց մօտեցողնե-րուն թիւը պահանջուածէն պակաս է որը եկեղեցույ արարողութեանց կարեւորու-թեանէն մաս մը կը կորսնցնէ եւ յաճախ շատ բաներ ձանձրացուցիչ կը թուին: Կա-րեւոր է որ ձեզմէ իւրաքանչիւրը Ս. Հաղորդութեան մօտեցայ, կարգայ կրօնա-շունչ գրողութիւններ եւ քրիստոնէական ոգիով լեցուած երբեմն գնալով քրիստո-նէական հարցեր ինչորոյ առարկայ ընէ: Ժամանակ մը փորձեցի Ս. Պատարագի մասին մեկնաբանական դասախօսութիւններ (մը) տալ բայց շատ քիչեր հետաքրքրուեցան ա-նով, որպէս թէ ամէն ոք ծանօթ էր Պատարագի պարունակութեան: Եթէ եկեղեցույ մաս կը կազմենք պէտք է գիտնալք անոր կապուած ամէն ինչ եւ գանոնք կիրար-կենք մեր կեանքի ընթացքին:

Պատիւը ունեցանք այցելու եկեղեցականներ ունենալ ծուխս ներս ըստ հետեւ-եալին: Գեոր. Տ. Թորոնթոյս, Մարուկեան, երկիցս, Հոգ. Տ. Եղիշէ Ծ. Վրդ. Կիզիրեան եւ Հոգ. Տ. Զաւէն Վրդ. Արժումարեան, Տէր Լեւոն Բհնյ. Առաքելեան որ Ս. Պատարագ մատոյց Յունիս 12ին:

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Խորհուրդներում եանթաւթեանց եւ անոնց լիութեամբ կիրարկուելու հարցը տակաւին բաւական բարեօրոյն պէտք ունի, բայց գահութիւն Աստուծոյ որ շատերուս համար ասոնք մեր կեանքի մէկ կարեւոր մասը կը կազմեն:

Տարուայ ընթացքին 9 մարտիկ մկրտուեցան եւ դրոշմուեցան. ունէինք մէկ պսակ եւ չորս յուզարկաւորութիւններ որոնց երկուքը եկեղեցւոյս տրատու ան-գամներ էին: Կատարեցի նաեւ նշարտուք մը եքրընի մէջ:

ՄՇԱԿՈՂՈՒՅԻՆ

Մշակոյթի հարցերով զբաղող անհատներու թիւի նուազումը տիրեցուցիչ պարագայ մըն է այս մեքենական աշխարհի մէջ, բայց մենք կը շարունակենք մշակոյթը մայելել եւ առիթներ ստեղծել անոր համար: Ծուխիս մէջ երկիցս մշակութային ձեռնարկներ ունեցանք - Կարգանանցի եւ Մշակոյթի օրուայ առիթներով որոնց ընթացքին ես խօսեցայ: Դասախօսութիւններ տուի նաեւ էվընսթըն, Ս. Ներսէս Աստուածաբանական, Կարժարանի կողմէ կազմակերպուած դասախօսութեանց ատեն յուլիսի մէջ, Նոյեմբեր 4ին Ուիլսըն Միլզի վրայ գտնուող կաթողիկէ վարժարանի մէջ եւ Դեկտեմբեր 4ին Կաթողիկէ ժողովուրդին մեր եկեղեցւոյ մէջ հայց. եկեղեցւոյ վարդապետութեան եւ ծէսի մասին:

ԸՆԿԵՐԱՅԻՆ

Ներկայ եղած եմ եկեղեցւոյ հողամասին վրայ սարքուած բոլոր բացօթեայ հաւաքոյթներուն կամ ճաշկերոյթներուն: Երկիցս մասնակցած եմ Գլխիվէրտի մասնա-ճիւղ Միջ-եկեղեցիներու Խորհուրդի կողմէ կազմակերպուած հաւաքոյթներուն, խորհրդածելու համար այն հարցերու մասին որոնք ներկայ քրիստոնէական կեանքի վրայ ազդեցութիւն կը գործեն:

ՓԱՐՈՍ

Ծուխիս ամսական թերթիկը, որու մասին յաճախ գնահատանքի խօսքեր լսած ենք, 12 անգամ լոյս տեսած է եւ փոստարկը ձգուած իւրաքանչիւր ամսուայ վերջերը: Օրինակներ դրկուած են բոլոր անոնց որոնք հետաքրքրութիւն ցուցուցած են: 120 օրինակներ Օհայոյի բոլոր կողմերը կը դրկուին, իսկ 70 օրինակ ալ նահանգէս դուրս: Միացեալ նահանգներու եւ Գանատայի բոլոր հայ եկեղեցիները ներառեալ: Հայերէնի բաժինը ես կը գրամեքենագրէի, իսկ անգլերէնի բաժինը կը մեքենագրուէր Տիկ. Յովհաննէս Զէքէմեանի կողմէ, այն հասկացողութեամբ որ շուտով ուրիշ մը այդ գործը պիտի ստանձնէր. տակաւին կ'ակնկալուի որ մէկը ինքնամատոյց ըլլայ այս գործին համար: Այս ալ ուրիշ թերութիւն մըն է որը սրբագրութեան պէտք ունի: Հասցէները պատրաստուած էին Տիկ. Յորէն օջիթըսքիի կողմէ որպէս ծառայութիւն մը իր ազգի եկեղեցիին:

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Ուրախ եմ յայտարարելու թէ սեպտեմբեր 11ին Հայերէնի դասաւարդութիւնները վերսկսան եւ ունինք 7 աշակերտ երկու դասարաններու մէջ: Աստուցիչներն են Տիկ. Կարդուհի Ազարեան եւ ես: Աշակերտները հայերէն արտասանութիւններ ըրին Մշակոյթի օրուայ հանդէսին եւ Ս. Մարտինոսի տոնի առթիւ սարքուած հանդէսին: Դասաւարդութիւնները շաբաթ օրերը Յ.Ա. ժամը 11-12ի միջեւ կը կատարուին: Եթէ մեր Կիրակնօրեայ եւ Հայերէնի դպրոցները լաւ մը կազմակերպուած ըլլան եւ մեր նոր սերունդը ստանայ անհրաժեշտ կրօնական եւ ազգային կրթութիւնը կրնամ վստահեցնել ձեզ թէ մեր երիտասարդաց կազմակերպութիւնը աւելի խոստմնալից եւ աւելի կենսունակ կ'ըլլայ, փառած իր եկեղեցիին եւ աւարդութեանց: Այլապէս շատերս այսպէս շօշափու կը մնանք սպասելով կարող կազմակերպիչի մը շանքերուն:

Այս առթիւ պիտի ուզէի մասնաւոր շնորհակալութիւն յայտնել բոլոր անոնց որոնք անունը յիշեցի այս տեղեկագրին մէջ, ինչպէս նաեւ անոնց որոնք երբեմն օգնեցին եւ որոնց անունները չէ յիշուած հոս: Վստահ եմ թէ եկեղեցւոյ համար կատարուած որեւէ ծառայութիւն Աստուծոյ կողմէ պիտի տեսնուի եւ վարձատրուի լռելեայն: Թող Աստուած օրհնէ բոլոր իր տնտեսները եւ բարգաւաճեցնէ այս համայնքը տարուէ տարի:

Դեկտեմբեր 31, 1966.

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PASTOR'S REPORT

Dear Parishoners,

It has been a great pleasure to serve this parish a third year, and to give the necessary spiritual and moral support and direction to those who needed it. At times, it was not easy to face situations or find solutions due to stubbornness, narrowmindedness, or unwillingness expressed by many. Because of the non-existence of a church and proper organizations, some people were and are alienated from the church community. This poses a problem, thus you can realize how difficult it was to have everything done properly. But thank God for every achievement that we had as Christian families or members of the St. Gregory of Narek Armenian Church of Cleveland.

Though occasionally I was not able to teach the words 'Asdvadz Oknagan' so that they could greet me properly, from day to day, many admitted that they had learned or were learning new things concerning our church or the Christian Church because of their connection with this church here.

For me, it was very gratifying spiritually to realize that each time I visited a family, I left them with a feeling of understanding and satisfaction. However, some people thought that each time I went to their home, it was to ask for something, hence they asked, 'What can I do for you?', or 'Is there something special?'. I am glad to say that the purpose of my visits generally was to be with them, to feel with them, and occasionally to direct them for a better life in the future. My visitations were concentrated mainly on those who are dues-paying members, because I felt closer to them, and they to me. Family troubles may arise and will arise, Blessed are those who minimize it and listen not only to legal suggestions, but also to their spiritual leaders, and kill the germ of discrepancy in its first stage and solve their difficulties in mutual understanding and cooperation. It was unfortunate that my visitation to the sick people was more this year than the last.

Whether religious, cultural or administrative, community life was rather promising. Actually the crown of achievement would be and will be at present the erection of an Armenian Center (a hall and classrooms) which will help build up the social and cultural enthusiasm amongst the members of the church. And both the church and the Center together will be the pride - Christian pride, and the mirror of the identity of this community.

In order to justify my statements, I will present a more detailed picture.

Each organization of the Parish has tried to be faithful to its bi-laws and keep the spirit of fellowship while pursuing its goals. As the pastor of the parish, I have presided over all the meetings of the church affiliated organizations and have helped them whenever I have found it necessary to do so, or whenever I have been asked. I have also attended meetings of organizations that are not church affiliated, but who serve a worthy purpose.

My immediate relationship with the Parish Council headed by Mr. Noubar Abdalian, has been cordial. I have tried to minimize their responsibilities by doing many things that perhaps I should not do. Again I have done so with the hope that once the members of the community realize how much work is involved in a parish, and how satisfied they must feel for its achievements if it is done by members of the parish, they will always be ready to do any work as

if it were in their own homes. I hope the real spirit of Christian stewardship will eventually push everyone of you to be ever-ready in helping the church in every way.

WORSHIP

A community may have a wonderful house of worship, but if their religiosity will not be revealed through their attendance at church services, if there will be no relationship between their God and them according to the culture and traditions of their church, all our efforts will remain futile. I am glad to say that the attendance at church services was a bit better than last year. We had church services almost every Sunday with the exception of when I attended the ACYOA and Choir Conventions, and when I was away to give some lectures in Evanston. We had church services also on Easter and Christmas Eves, every Wednesday night during Lent, and on December 24 to join our fellow Christians in prayer.

The number of choristers was increased this year, but still the rehearsals were not done regularly, and this fact often made the Choir Director, Mr. Steve Sarafian, and me uncomfortable. The Organist was Mrs. Anahis Davidian, who is presently on a Maternity Leave of Absence.

In spite of his living quite far, Mr. Garbis Balderian was the first to be at church on Sundays, and helped me on the Altar, during Morning Services, and occasionally during Baptisms. Dr. K. K. Goekjian, whose enthusiasm and admiration towards the Armenian Church and music is always noticeable, was in church constantly to be helpful whenever and however needed. Mr. John Chakamian was also a great help not only as Altar Server, but also anytime and anywhere as long as it was for the church. We need more people like him in order to get done in time some of the minor work details of the church. Along this line, the services of Marty Meketarian, Bobby Abdalian, and some others, including the two new Acolytes, the Keverian Brothers, will be greatly appreciated.

It will not be out of order to mention that on November 20, 1966, Fr. Jirayr Tashjian of Toronto and I visited one another's parish and officiated the same day.

On special feast days, I tried to give the historical background of the feast, and drew some moral conclusion which I hope were of some use. Every Sunday I preached touching some current issues directly or indirectly and indicating the Will of God as revealed in the Gospels.

The Mas (The blessed bread) was generally prepared by Mrs. Yester Arpajian, and occasionally by Mrs. Vosgi Balderian.

Again I would like to remind our community that there is still an aloofness from the sacraments which may make the church service or attendance at the services either meaningless or monotonous. It is important that occasionally you receive Holy Communion, read religious material, and in a Christian spirit discuss various aspects of Christian life. For a while, I tried to give some lectures about Badarak, but very few people were interested in attending. It seems as though everybody knew it in detail. If we consider ourselves a part of this church, it is necessary that we know about it; the more the better.

We were honored in having some clergy visitors at our parish as follows: His Grace Bishop Torkom Manoogian (Twice), Very Rev. Fr. Yeghishe Gizirian, and Very Rev. Fr. Zaven Arzoumanian, and Fr. Levon Arakelian who officiated on June 12.

SACRAMENTS

The meaning of sacraments and their observation needs still a lot of improvement, but thank God that it is a part of our lives for many of us.

During this year, 9 children were baptized, we had one wedding, and four individuals closed their eyes for eternity, of whom two were church pledgers. I also performed an engagement.

CULTURAL

Decrease in number of culture oriented people is a saddening fact in all parts of the world, but still we continue enjoying culture and create occasions for it. In the community, twice we had cultural programs, that is on Vartanants Day, and on Cultural Day, during which I spoke to our people. I have given lectures also to Catholics in our Church on December 4, 1966. On November 4, I spoke to the Seminarians of Blessed Sacrament on Wilson Mills Road. I also gave four lectures in Evanston last July at the Religious Study Course organized by St. Nerses Theological School.

SOCIAL

I have attended all the picnics held on our property either by church or church affiliated groups or others. Twice I have attended the coffee hour gathering organized by the Cleveland Council of Churches to discuss current issues that affect the Christian World.

PAROS

The news bulletin of our parish about which many have commented with admiration, has had 12 issues, mailed at the end of each month. Copies are sent to all those who showed interest. On the list there are 180 addresses in Ohio, and 70 in other states which include all the Armenian Churches in the U.S. and Canada. The Armenian section was typed by me, and the English section was typed by Mrs. Jenev Chakamian, with an understanding that someone else would eventually take the responsibility. The position is still available. This is another shortcoming that the community has to rectify. The addresses were prepared by Mrs. Frank Ochtersky as a service to our community.

ARMENIAN SCHOOL

I am glad to announce that on September 11, 1966, the Armenian School reopened with two classes and an enrollment of 7 children. Mrs. Rose Azarian and I are the teachers. The students recited poems on Cultural Day, and at the Christmas Day program on December 18. The students meet each Saturday at 11 A.M. for one hour.

If only the parents were more interested in their maternal language, we would have many children in the Armenian School, and many would have learned it by now. Still we are optimistic, that is why we keep on trying, with the support of the Parish Council.

If our Sunday Schools and Armenian Schools are well organized, and our younger generation get the proper religious and nationalistic education, I can assure you that our youth movement will be

more promising and more enthusiastic towards its church and traditions. Otherwise it seems that this weakness in youth activities will persist in making many of us disappointed and some of us grumbly. It will be a wonderful step towards real progress if someone voluntarily comes up to help our youth.

I would like to thank each and everyone of those I have mentioned in this report, and also the others who have helped, but whose names were not mentioned since there are many. I am sure any kind of service rendered for the church will be seen by God and rewarded silently.

May God Bless all the stewards of God and make this parish flourish year by year.

Fr. Vasken Kebreslian

12-31-66

ST. GREGORY OF NAREK ARMENIAN APOSTOLIC CHURCH
OF CLEVELAND

SECRETARIAL REPORT FOR 1966
PARISH COUNCIL

During the year 1966, the Very Rev. Fr. Vasken Kebreslian and the Parish Council fulfilled their obligation to their church and parish by conducting all functions adequately.

The Parish Council consisted of the following:

- Father Vasken Kebreslian - President
- Mr. Noubar Abdalian - Chairman
- Mr. Kevork Arslanian - Vice Chairman
- Mr. Obie Bagdasarian - Secretary
- Mr. Joe Meketarian - Treasurer
- Mr. Ralph Chakerian - Assistant Treasurer
- Dr. K. K. Goekjian - Advisor
- Mr. Sam Mirakian - "
- Mr. Sam Davidian - "
- Mr. Jack Hacherian - "

Parish Council held nineteen formal meetings during 1966. These bi-monthly meetings were normally held on Tuesday evenings.

After two postponements due to inclement weather, the Annual Parish Meeting was held on February 13, 1966 with forty four (44) members present. Mr. Jack Hacherian was elected chairman of the day, and Mrs. Jack Hacherian, Secretary.

The following members were elected to serve a two-year term on the Parish Council: Messrs. Joe Meketarian, Obie Bagdasarian, Sam Davidian, Jack Hacherian, Ralph Chakerian.

The following members were elected to serve a one-year term as the Auditing Committee: Mrs. Florence Karoghlanian, Mr. Jerry Ahlegian, Mr. Hovhannes Ohannessian.

A Parish budget of \$12,500 was approved for the year 1966.

On Sunday February 20, 1966, the Vartanants Celebration Program was held at the Parish Hall with Mr. Dave Hotchkiss as Guest Speaker. The dinner for this program was prepared by the Young Women's Guild.

The Parish Council met with two State Highway Department representatives on February 22, 1966, in regards to the widening of Richmond Road. The State advised they would purchase thirteen (13) feet of frontage from our property. Their offer for the purchase of this property was \$2,447.00. During the course of negotiating with the State Highway representatives, the Parish Council decided to turn down the state offer and consult with an attorney.

Mr. Sam Levin, Attorney at Law, was asked by the Parish Council to represent our Parish and negotiate for a larger amount of money for the purchase of our property than offered by the state.

On March 20, 1966, the Parish Council members took their oath of office in church at the end of services.

On April 24, 1966, a monument was dedicated in memory of the Armenian Martyrs massacred by Turks during World War I. During Badarak, Fr. Vasken spoke about the heroic deeds of the martyrs. Following Badarak, Requiem Services were held near the monument. After Requiem Services, short speeches were made by the Pastor, Rev. Bruce Whittenore, Deacon Hovhannes Kasparian, and Mr. Kevork Arslanian. The dedication program was concluded with a social gathering in the Parish Hall with refreshments prepared by the Ladies' Auxiliary.

The Religious Study Course organized by St. Nerses Armenian Theological School of Evanston was held on Friday and Saturday evenings, April 22 and 23, and Sunday afternoon, April 24. The lecturers were Fr. Vasken and Deacon H. Kasparian.

Fr. Vasken, Delegates Mr. Ralph Chakerian and Mr. Kevork Arslanian attended the Annual Diocesan Assenbly which was held in the St. Thomas Armenian Church of Bergen County, N.J. on April 29 to May 1, 1966.

On Sunday June 12, 1966, a dinner and fund raising affair took place at the Parish Hall for the Cathedral Project. Rev. Levon Arakelian, Executive Secretary of the Armenian Cathedral Project was the Guest Speaker, and conducted the fund raising. Other speakers were Fr. Vasken, Mr. Kevork Arslanian, Mr. Noubar Abdalian, with Mr. Sam Mirakian serving as Master of Ceremonies. A total of \$7,265 was pledged and contributed at this affair toward Cleveland's \$15,000 quota. Pledge cards for the Cathedral Project were mailed to church members who were not present at the fund raising dinner.

The Annual Church Picnic was held on July 3, 1966 on the church grounds with approximately 150 people including children in attendance. A net profit of approximately \$726 was made.

Fr. Vasken attended the Summer Religious Study Conference which took place at Seabury-Western Theological Seminary and St. Nerses School, Evanston, Illinois. The Study Conference opened Sunday, July 10, and concluded Friday, July 22, 1966. Approximately 45 people were present at the lectures given by a staff of eight clergymen and deacons.

On July 22, the last payment was made on the church mortgage. The mortgage was five years old at its closing.

At the thirteenth meeting held on July 26, a motion was made that we obtain approval from the Parish at the Annual meeting in January, 1967, to post the annual dues from Parish Members on the bulletin board in the Parish Hall. The motion was seconded and passed by a 5 - 1 vote.

Mr. George Sakian was appointed Sunday School Superintendent on August 30, 1966.

On August 30, the Parish Council contracted Mr. Rudy Sandon of Sandon Stained Glass Studios to supply twelve picture windows for the church at a price of \$2,592.00

Fr. Vasken attended the Annual ACYOA Convention held in Providence, R.I. on September 2-5, 1966.

Due to flooding of the water channel on the church property, a letter was directed to Mayor Zimmerman of Richmond Hts. requesting corrective measures be taken in reconstructing the channel to avoid flooding. Action was taken by the City of Richmond Hts. and the channel was reconstructed to avoid future flooding of church property.

The Armenian Church Choir's Annual Assembly was held in Richmond Virginia October 21-23, 1966. The Cleveland delegate was Dr. K. K. Goekjian. Fr. Vasken and Dr. & Mrs. Goekjian attended the assembly. Dr. Goekjian, our delegate, announced a new church music book had been published. The name of the book is Sacred Music Book in two volumes.

At the sixteenth meeting held on October 25, the Parish Council approved the purchase of ten sets of these new Sacred Music Books.

The Annual Community Picnic was held on October 2, with approximately 60 people including children in attendance. A net profit of \$332 was made at this picnic.

Cultural Day Celebration was held at the Parish Hall on November 6, with Mr. Antranig Antreasian of Watertown, Mass. as Guest Speaker. Other speakers were Mr. Robert Abdalian, and Mr. John Chakanian.

An exchange of pastors took place on Sunday, November 20, at which time Fr. Vasken celebrated Badarak at the Holy Trinity Church in Toronto, Canada, and Fr. Jirayr Tashjian celebrated Mass at St. Gregory of Narek Church.

At the seventeenth meeting held on November 15, the Parish Council was advised the State has made another offer to purchase 13 feet of frontage on the church property for \$2,747. This amount was \$300 higher than the original offer. At the advise of our Attorney, Mr. San Levin, we accepted the State's offer of \$2,747.00. Mr. Levin's fee for his services were \$150.00.

At the eighteenth meeting held December 6, a motion was made subject to approval by the Parish at the Annual Meeting in January 1967, that we contribute the money received for the sale of the church property to the Cathedral Project to help meet our \$15,000 quota. The motion was seconded and approved by a 6 to 1 vote.

At the December 6 meeting, Fr. Vasken read a letter from His Grace, Bishop Torkom Manoogian. The letter directed Fr. Vasken to report to New York by January 9, 1967, to assume the responsible office of Vicar to the Primate. Parish Council directed a letter to His Grace and asked he reconsider Fr. Vasken's appointment to Vicar General. Parish Council also called His Grace and extended an invitation to visit our parish and discuss Fr. Vasken's transfer. His Grace, Rt. Rev. Torkom Manoogian arrived in Cleveland on December 27, and the same evening had a dinner meeting with the Parish

Council at Mr. Kevork Arslanian's residence. The Prinate presented the needs of the Diocesan Headquarters and concluded that for the general welfare of the Diocese, it is important that the same decision be carried.

Before Fr. Vasken departs, Fr. Arshag Khachadoorian will arrive in Cleveland to replace Fr. Vasken. Fr. Arshag is expected in Cleveland by January 16, 1967. Fr. Vasken will leave for New York January 24, 1967.

The Preliminary Parish Assembly was held on Sunday, December 11, 1966. A nominating Committee consisting of Mr. Mike Chekemian, Mrs. Florence Karoghlanian, and Mrs. Rose Azarian was given the task of securing potential Parish Council candidates to be elected at the Annual Parish Assembly on January 22, 1967.

On December 28, a social was held in the Parish Hall in honor of His Grace, Rt. Rev. Torkom Manoogian. His Grace spoke about church and community relations and also on Father Vasken's transfer to New York. Refreshments were prepared and served by ACYOA Chairman Charice Andonian and others who assisted her.

The first meeting of 1967 was held on January 3, 1967. A Farewell and Welcome Dinner was planned for Fr. Vasken and Fr. Arshag to be held on January 21, 1967 at the Shaker House. The Young Women's Guild was asked by Parish Council to contact the Parish - community by phone for reservations.

Three proposals were made regarding the building of a Cultural Hall and Classrooms:

1. Addition to present Parish Hall, which would be a two story extension approximately 15'x21' on each floor. Approximate cost \$30,000.

2. Leave present Parish Hall, and construct a new one-story Cultural Hall, which would include a kitchen, Pastor's office, classrooms, and furnishing with a seating capacity of 250. This building also to be provided with footing for future vertical expansion. Approximate cost \$100,000.

3. Tear down the present Parish Hall and construct a two-story Cultural Hall which would include a kitchen, classrooms, Pastor's Office, and Pastor's living quarters, with a seating capacity of 350. Approximate cost \$175,000. This cost would also include furnishing.

After considerable discussion, Parish Council favored Proposal number 2 above.

Obie Bagdasarian
Secretary, Parish Council

ST. GREGORY OF NAREK ARMENIAN APOSTOLIC CHURCH OF CLEVELAND

INCOME AND EXPENSE FOR 1966

INCOME

Membership pledges	\$ 7,709.38
Church plate collection	888.00
Easter-Christmas special offering	1,194.00
Hokehankirst	294.00
Baptisms	215.00
Weddings	95.00
Funerals and in lieu of flowers	77.00
Hall rentals	330.00
Annual picnics and social affairs	1,078.00
Paros donations	408.00
State of Ohio purchase of property	2,747.00
Miscellaneous income	902.93
Bank interest	64.96
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	\$ 16,003.27

EXPENSES

Salary (Clergy)	\$ 4,420.00
Office supplies	137.60
Church supplies	210.76
Postage and stamps	51.10
Car expense	535.41
Convention expense and visiting guests	151.58
Diocese payments	839.72
Property maintenance	711.55
Property taxes	174.21
Insurance (car, Parish hall, Church, Clergy) ..	1,006.30
Petty cash	265.00
Utilities	1,312.06
Miscellaneous expense	585.82
Lawyers fee	150.00
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	\$ 10,551.14

INCOME \$16,003.27
EXPENSES 10,551.14

NET GAIN FOR THE YEAR 1966 \$ 5,452.13

ST. GREGORY OF NAREK ARMENIAN APOSTOLIC CHURCH OF CLEVELAND
STATEMENT OF ASSETS AS OF DEC. 13, 1966

Balance in checking account 12/31/65	\$ 2,443.58
Net gain for the year 1966	5,452.13
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Total cash on hand 12/31/66	\$ 7,895.71

Cash on hand 12/31/66	
Checking Account	\$ 4,830.75
Savings Account	3,064.96
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Total	\$ 7,895.71

Submitted by

Joseph E. Meketarian,
Treasurer

Ralph Chakerian,
Assistant Treasurer

Audited by:

Mr. Jerry Ahlegian

1/11/ 1967

Mrs Florence Karoghlanian 1/11/ 1967

Building Fund Balance:

Checking Account	\$204.94
Savings Account	\$472.96

DIOCESAN DELEGATES REPORT

64th Annual Diocesan Assembly, April 29,30 and May 1, 1966, Friday, Saturday, and Sunday. St. Thomas Church, Tenafly, New Jersey.

Present at the Assembly was 127 delegates out of a possible 144 eligible delegates. The elected officers for the 1966 Diocesan Assembly were as follows:

Chairman - Dickran Boyajian
Vice Chairman - Richard Gregory
Secretary - Very Rev. Zaven Arzoumanian

A report was given on the Cathedral Project and it was stated that the building would be completed by the summer of 1967. It will require \$800,000. in cash in addition to the \$1,500,000 mortgage. All Parishes were urged that it was important that each contribute its share of the quota now.

The proposed budget for 1966 for the Diocese is \$104,750.

This is the 75th year Commemoration of the Worcester Church and this will be noted on the seal of official correspondence from the Diocese.

The Revised By-Lays were accepted as amended after due consideration by the Assembly. The changes in the By-Laws correct past errors and bring up to date other sections as amended.

The election of the Primate was held and the candidates were as follows:

1. Archbishop Sion Manoogian
2. Bishop Torkom Manoogian
3. Very Rev. Muron Gurjikian

On the second ballot, Bishop Torkom Manoogian was elected the new Primate for the next four years.

It was decided that the minimum dues of \$12.00 must be paid for a member to be considered eligible for voting. This is the minimum required for each Parish member, however, each Parish can decide if it would like to to be higher.

The next Annual Diocesan Assembly in 1967 will be in Detroit, Michigan, weekend of May 5.

KEVORK ARSLIANIAN

RALPH CHAKERIAN

ԵԿԵՂԵՑԱՍԷՐ ՏԻԿՆԱՅ ՄԻՈՒԹԻՒՆ

1966 թ ընթացքին Միուլթիւնս ունեցած է 12 կանոնաւոր ճաշ-ժողովներ եւ նկատի առած զանազան հարցեր:

Յունուար ամսուն սարքած է ճաշկերոյթ մը ծխատան սրահին մէջ:

Փետրուարին 1000 տուլարի գումար մը յանձնած է Ծխական Խորհուրդին որ եկեղեցւոյ պարտքին յատկացնէ:

Մարտ ամսուն Մեծ Պահոց առթիւ մեծ պահքի յատուկ ճաշկերոյթ մը տուած է:

Ապրիլ 24ին, նահատակաց օրուան առթիւ Պատարագէն վերջ ճաշ պատրաստած է ներկաներուն համար:

Յունիսին երբ Տէր Լեւոն Առաքելեանը հոս եկաւ Մայր տաճարի շինութեան համար ըլլալիք հանգանակութեան, Պատարագէն վերջ Երիտասարդ Տիկնանց հետ գործակցաբար ճաշ հրամցուց ներկաներուն եւ 300 տուլար յատկացուց Մայր Տաճարի շինութեան Յընտին:

Սեպտեմբեր ամսուն Սթէթլըր պանդոկին մէջ ուրիշ ազգերու կողքին երեք օր կերպուրդներ ծախելով հայոց անունը ծանօթացուց ներկաներուն նորէն Երիտասարդ Տիկնանց հետ գործակցաբար, եւ ապահովեց կարեւոր գումար մը որպէս շահ:

Եկեղեցւոյ տարեկան գոյգ դաշտահանդէսներուն (բացօղեայ ճաշ) Ծխական Խորհուրդին օգնեց օրը յաջողութեամբ պատկելու համար:

Կը հաւատանք որ Միուլթիւնս իր կարեւոր բարոյական եւ նիւթական դերը կատարած է իր անդամուհիներուն եւ եկեղեցւոյ համար, եւ տակաւին պիտի շարունակէ նոյն դերը բոլորս պահելով մէկ եւ երջանիկ:

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1966 թ ԵԼԵԻՄՈՒՏՔ

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1965էն փոխանցուած	1473.97
ճաշ-ժողովներէն գոյացած	317.10
Ծխական, ճաշերէն գոյացած	376.00
Նուիրատուութիւններէ գոյացած	197.00
Անդամատուրքերէ գոյացած	50.00
Դրամատունէն տոկոս	14.29
Ընդհանուր ազգաց ցուցահաբըդէսէն եւ նուէրներ	233.00
Վասն Հիւանդաց սնտուկէն	14.00
Ջանազանք	7.50
Ընդհանուր գումար	<u>2682.97</u>
	1473.97

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ճաշ-ժողովներուն	1269.77
Ծխական, ճաշերուն	147.40
Եկեղեցւոյ շինութեան յանձնախումբին	1000.00
Մայր Եկեղեցւոյ Ծիւղութեան	300.00
Փոխան ծաղկեպսակի	12.00
Ընդհանուր գումար	<u>1554.95</u>

Այժմ դրամատունը կայ 1127.91

Դեկտեմբեր 31, 1966

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ST. GREGORY OF NAREK
ARMENIAN CHURCH SCHOOL REPORT
1966-67

The Armenian Church School continued the second half of the 1965-66 semester by observing an Easter Sunday Coffee Hour, Mother's Day, and the annual Father's Day picnic which marked the end of the school season.

On Sunday, September 18, 1966 Church School classes began and will continue until June 11, 1967. After a strong effort to encourage an increase in enrollment, 43 children were registered. The average attendance has been, up to date, approximately 80 per cent. The school staff for the new year consists of six teachers. All material and correspondence handled by the Church School is in strict accordance with the recommendations of the Diocesan Council on Religious Education.

Since the concept of Room Mothers proved successful, it was again decided to continue in appointing a mother to accept the chairmanships of any scheduled social activity.

The Halloween Party of October 30, 1966 and the Christmas Party held on December 18, 1966 proved successful and were enjoyed by everyone. Future dates observing Easter, Mother's Day and the Father's Day picnic have been planned and will be disclosed. Various other programs may well be expected.

Since Marty Meketarian's departure to the Church Choir, David Kapoudjian has been elevated to senior acolyte.

All students in the Church School are required to receive communion at least four times during the year, receive one full hour of instruction, and with the exception of the Nursery and Kindergarten, attend the final portion of Church Services each Sunday.

The Armenian Church School can only realize a fulfillment in their obligation by your complete interest and cooperation.

Yours very truly,

GEORGE R. SAKIAN
Superintendent

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

December 31, 1966

INCOME

Offerings	\$ 252.71
Miscellaneous Income	189.77
Balance from 12/31/65	134.40
	<u>\$ 576.78</u>

EXPENSES

.....	<u>\$ 257.66</u>
Balance on hand 12/31/66	\$ 319.12

KOHARIG MEKETARIAN,
Treasurer

ARMENIAN YOUNG WOMEN'S GUILD
ANNUAL REPORT

January - December 1966

OFFICERS:

Chairman - Martha Hacherian
Vice Chairman - Louise Ohanian
Recording Secretary - Martha DeSalvatore
Corres. Secretary - Helen Chekemian
Treasurer - Alice Ahlegian
Advisor - Anne Abdalian
Paros Reporter - Ko Meketarian

COMMITTEES:

Program - Coordinated by Executive Board
Membership - Alice Hacherian, Jean Sakian
Ways and Means - Anne Abdalian, Roubina Yoel
Social - Jenev Chakamian, Lilliane Nigolian
Sunshine - Margaret Benneian

Total membership of Guild - 34 members

Number of Business Meetings during the year - 9 (Held first Tuesday of the month)

Number of Executive Meetings during the year - 6

ACTIVITIES DURING THE YEAR

January 4 - Meeting, Wine tasting demonstration by Christian Bros., guests invited.
February 20 - Vartanants Day Dinner held for community at Parish Hall following Church Services
March 1 - Meeting, Guest Speaker from NASA Lewis Research Center, husbands invited
March 13 - AYWG Fifth Anniversary Tea sponsored by Lucille Andonian and Lilliane Nigolian
April 5 - Meeting, "Crazy Hat" Contest
May 3 - Meeting, Election and Installation of Officers
June 7 - Annual Installation Dinner held at Blue Chip Inn
September 6 - Business Meeting (Discussion about all Nations Fair)
September 16, 17, and 18 - All Nations Fair held at Statler-Hilton Hotel (Jointly sponsored with the Ladies' Auxiliary)
October 4 - Business Meeting, Program "Hair Fashions by Maria"
November 1 - Meeting, Cooking Demonstration by the East Ohio Gas Company
November 6 - Cultural Program held at Parish Hall, Dinner sponsored by the Guild and proceeds donated to Parish Council
November 20 - Coffee Hour given by Guild for visiting Clergyman, Fr. Jirayr Tashjian of Toronto, Canada.
December 6 - Christmas Party and Gift Auction, Armenian Ladies' Auxiliary and friends were invited as guests.
December 14 - Egg Nog Social held at Parish Hall for community.
December 15 through 24 - Christmas Tree Sales on Church Grounds (support provided by Parish Council and members of the community.)

WAYS AND MEANS PROJECTS

Vartanants Day Dinner held on February 20 provided a profit of \$109.

All Nations Fair sponsored jointly with the Ladies' Auxiliary on September 16, 17, and 18 provided a profit of \$200.

Christmas Gift Auction held on December 6 and attended by over 50 persons provided a profit of \$184.45.

The sale of Christmas Trees on our church grounds provided a profit of \$440.58.

OTHER INFORMATION

A donation of \$350.00 was given to the Church Memorial Fund to cover the cost of the Church Cross Base.

A donation of \$100.00 was made by the members of the Guild to the Cathedral Project in New York.

A silver bowl and ladle were donated by the membership for use in church for "Blessing of the Water" Service.

Occasionally members of the Guild are called upon to have coffee hours after church service.

The membership of the Guild has agreed to purchase a sign for the front of the church. Payment will be made when the sign is erected.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Bank Balance as of 12/31/65	\$ 1,356.39
Income for the year	2,355.13
Total	<u>\$ 3,711.52</u>
Disbursements for the year	\$ 1,431.62
Bank Balance as of January 6, 1967	<u>\$ 2,279.90</u>

Submitted by: Louise Ohanian, Vice Chairman
Armenian Young Women's Guild

January 8, 1967

CHOIR REPORT

The St. Gregory of Narek Armenian Apostolic Church Choir held regular rehearsals to learn new hymns and the Divine Liturgy. As a group the choir has accomplished quite a bit during the year 1966. There are 17 Choir members. The dues are \$2.00 a year.

The following were elected to serve as officers from May, 1966 to May, 1967:

- Chairman - Mrs. Anahis Davidian
- Vice Chairman - Mrs. Armenouhi Condoyan
- Secretary - Mrs. Vartouhi Azarian
- Treasurer - Miss Marie Bosnoian
- Advisors: - Dr. K. K. Goejkian
Mr. Hagop Emrikian
- Choir Director - Mr. Steve Sarafian
- Asst. Director - Mrs. Jeanette Aurslanian
- Organists: - Mrs. Anahis Davidian
Mrs. Jenev Chakamian
Mrs. Alice Doyle

TREASURER'S REPORT

Bank Balance as of 12/30/66 \$ 77.38

Respectfully submitted

Mrs. Vartouhi Azarian,
Secretary

